

Appl. No. 10/635,779

Amendt. dated August 16, 2005

Reply to Final Office Action of May 17, 2005

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment Applicants have amended all objected claims (claims 6, 8, 10-12 and 15) to rewrite them in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims. Applicants have also canceled all claims that have been rejected by the Examiner (claims 1-5, 7, 9, 13, 14 and 16). By an Amendment of March 16, 2005, Applicants cancelled claims 17 - 27. Applicants have also submitted with this Application proper payment authorization for a total of two independent claims in excess of three independent claims, because the Application now includes a total of five independent claims.

Pursuant to the Examiner's statement in his August 4, 2004 Interview Summary, it is urged that this Amendment has therefore placed the Application in condition for allowance. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his generous expenditure of time in telephone conferences regarding this Application.

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